

XXV.—*Proceedings at the Annual General Meeting of the
British Ornithologists' Union, 1912.*

THE Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union for 1912 was held at the Offices of the Zoological Society of London (by permission), on May 8th, the President, Dr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Committee, which was then read, announced the continued prosperity of the Union during the past year. The Annual Volume of 'The Ibis' for 1911 (the fifty-third of the whole and the fifth of the Ninth Series) had been edited by Dr. P. L. Selater, F.R.S., and Mr. A. H. Evans, M.A. It contained 802 pages and was illustrated with 11 coloured plates, 1 map, and 21 text-figures.

With much regret the Committee reported the deaths of the following Members since the last Annual Meeting :—James Lumsden, A. R. Momber, Capt. L. A. Williams, and A. D. Millar.

The following gentlemen had resigned :—Lt.-Col. H. F. Barclay, A. M. Chance, Frank Finn, Lord Glenconner, Lt.-Col. A. P. Loyd, C. R. E. Radclyffe, and Sir Henry B. Robertson; and the names of four members had been removed from the List under Rule 6.

At the date of the Meeting the Union consisted of 420 Ordinary Members, 3 Extra-Ordinary, 9 Honorary, 6 Honorary Lady Members, 9 Colonial, and 20 Foreign Members.

The Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1911, was then submitted and approved, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Henry Munt, the Auditor.

The Meeting then proceeded to elect the Officers for the ensuing year, and it was announced that Dr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., had been re-elected President,

and Mr. J. Lewis Bonhote, M.A., F.L.S., Secretary; also that Dr. Ernst Hartert had been elected a Member of the Committee in the place of Mr. D. Seth-Smith, who had retired by rotation.

The following 23 gentlemen were then balloted for and elected Ordinary Members of the Union:—Francis R. S. Baxendale; C. William Beebe; Gilbert Blaine, F.Z.S.; Thomas E. Brown; Patrick A. Buxton; George W. Clark; John F. M. Floyd, B.A. (Oxon.); Arthur Foster, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; Philip Gosse; George B. Hony; Capt. Ronald F. Meiklejohn, D.S.O.; L. Beresford Mouritz; Capt. Stanley Pershouse; Herbert W. Robinson; Dr. Victor G. L. van Someren; Charles H. Wells; Max Victor Wenner; Capt. Samuel A. White; Samuel L. Whymper; William A. Wilkinson, F.Z.S.; Martin S. Wood, M.D.; Cecil Woodhouse, M.D. Cantab.; Hugh Wormald.

The question of an Editor for the Tenth Series of 'The Ibis' was discussed and Mr. William Lutley Selater, on the recommendation of the Committee, was unanimously elected to that post.

It was resolved that a portion of the balance left over from the money collected for the B. O. U. Expedition to New Guinea should be given to an Expedition, under Dr. A. F. R. Wollaston, which was shortly going to the same country.

It was announced that, as a result of further negotiations with the Government and the Public Departments concerned, the northern boundary of the Natural History Museum as fixed in 1859 would be maintained, and the land to the south of it would be available for the extension of the Museum.

The following resolution was agreed to:—

“That the Committee be empowered to have a Medal struck, to be known as the Medal of the British Ornithologists' Union, and to be available by resolution at a General Meeting for presentation for eminent services to Ornithology.”

It was also resolved that Medals be granted to the following Members of the B.O. U. Expedition to New Guinea:—

Gold Medal to Mr. Walter Goodfellow.

Silver Medals to Dr. A. F. R. Wollaston, Mr. G. C. Shortridge, and Mr. Claude H. B. Grant.

A discussion took place on the subject of the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Union, and the following motion was put to the meeting and carried:—

“That in the opinion of the meeting the Annual General Meeting should be held in February and that the Committee be asked to bring forward the necessary alterations in the Rules at the next General Meeting.”

It was further suggested that for next year the Meeting should be held as early as possible in April.

It was stated that the Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to bring out a new edition of the ‘List of British Birds’ published in 1883, had made good progress with the work which, it was hoped, would be ready for press during the winter.

A vote of thanks to the Zoological Society of London for the use of their Office during the past year was unanimously passed, and the Meeting was adjourned.

After the Meeting the Annual Dinner was held, in conjunction with the monthly Dinner of the British Ornithologists’ Club, at Pagani’s Restaurant, Great Portland Street. Fifty members and guests attended.

XXVI.—*Notices of recent Ornithological Publications,*

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50, ‘*Avicultural Magazine.*’

[*Avicultural Magazine.* Third Series, Vol. ii, Nos. 11, 12; Vol. iii, Nos. 1-7 (Sept. 1911—May 1912).]

In these parts there are a considerable number of articles of general interest, although naturally in the main devoted to